Was I not sensible Sir, of the importance of this Expedition, of March 3 Brown Book the Happy effect it may Have for the advantage of all the states and Letter 70 the more particular interest of some, I would not presume to trouble your Excellency with a minute details of our boats. But unless the afore mentioned articles are sent to this place with the Greatest dispatch, it is my duty to observe to Your Excellency that delay will Render our expedition very precarious. My uneasiness on this Head Has Been increased By a Late Letter Received from the Commander in chief, wherein He urges the necessity of Embarking immediately, and from the nature of His plan observes the Great inconvenience of

Having laid our circumstances Before your Excellency and Hav-

ing taken the liberty to observe [damaged].

[Stephen Stewart, West River, to the Council.]

this is to Give you the Earlyest notice that Jeams tucker is Com Letter 63 home and that Capt John Harrison was Careyd to Charles town Put on board of prison ship him and all his Crew whare Many ware Pereshed to Deth Harrison is got as far as Eden town on his way up now is there sick his Crew are still all on board of Prison Ships thats alive Excepting one that maid his Escape by swimming and has Got home Tucker Promised me to Com to you this Day he Can Give you good Information he left the British fleet Sunday when the french fleet left James River Munday week and went Down to the Capes I am very thankful to you for the trubell you have been at to Get my People Exchanged

March 3 [Zeph. Turner, Annapolis, to His Excellency Thos. Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor & The Honble Council]

I Resign the Appointment of Commissioner to settle and adjust the accounts of the Troops of this State in the service of the United States.

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Thos Beall of Geo. Geo. Town to His Excellency Tho<sup>s</sup> Sim Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>.] (fav<sup>d</sup> by Capt. Jam<sup>s</sup> Lingan)

I have been repeatedly called on by Detachments of Continental as well as State Troops on their march to Southern Army, for Provisions and Forage &c it has so happened that high Winds and badness of wether prevented them geting to a Regular post to draw the same.

Shall Esteem it a particular favour for your Orders how to proceed on like occations, I have Issued some Forage to Capt Golder & Capt Brown of Artiry Inclosed is a Coppy of Orders from Brigg Gen¹ Morgan in favour of Mr Willm Dent Formerly a Resident of this County—who is now here—drove by the Enemy with his Wife &